

SENATOR NELSON: I'm sorry, again.

SENATOR HALL: It would be someone who was an employee of the hospital.

SENATOR NELSON: It could be if the family, or I see no reason why it could not be a clergy that was there and would want to handle it and I'm sure would be very professionally able to do so. Incidentally, too, some of the Catholic hospitals may have their own training procedure of which I'm sure there would be no problem with at all.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you very much, Senator Nelson. I don't have any real problems with the bill. I don't mean to, by standing up and getting some things in the record, don't mean to leave the impression that I'm opposed to the bill. I plan to support the bill, but just hope that it comes out in the best form possible. I worry about the issue of whether or not the designee should not be an employee of the hospital. That may be something that can be looked at between now and Select File. The issue of...issues that Senator Chambers raised, or concerns that he raises are legitimate and I think we all have to deal with. The bottom line behind this bill is that there will be people who will benefit from the organ donation, and hopefully it will be done in a very professional and heartfelt manner by those involved. I would just urge the body to support the amendments that may come that will make it a very clear-cut, professional and easy...the easiest method available for those relatives of the deceased. With that, I intend to support the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. If there is no further discussion on the advancement of the bill, Senator Nelson, would you care to make a closing statement.

SENATOR NELSON: I believe about all has been said about the bill in regards to if the bill could be helped in any way, I'm not against that. However, I do want to say that we have had any number of meetings on this, professional people that have had to deal with this situation daily, and from doctors in Omaha and Lincoln and the various organizations, and the legal consultants of the hospitals and so on. So I felt that we...we thought that we were putting together a bill that was reasonable and something that is needed and would be for the good of most of the people of the state. I know that it is unfortunate that any of us ever have to ask for these, but it just is. I might